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TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

MR. ALEXANDER KING,

Surgeon.

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE

Preceptor and Directors

OF THE

GLASGOW TOWN'S HOSPITAL.

GENTLEMEN,

I BEG leave to offer myself as a Candidate for the situation of Surgeon to one of the Districts of the City Poor. The Certificates I have the honour to submit for your inspection, were obtained when a Candidate for another charge, but they will enable you to judge how far I am qualified for the situation. I have also had the benefit of upwards of seven years extensive General Practice.

Should you honour me with the appointment, no effort will be wanting on my part, to discharge the duties faithfully and conscientiously.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient very humble Servant,

ALEXANDER KING.

33, North Hanover Street, Glasgow.

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TESTIMONIALS.

From the late DR. JOHN BALMANNO, Physician to the Royal Lunatic Asylum, and late Senior Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, &c.

GLASGOW, 27th April, 1838.

I certify that MR. ALEXANDER KING, Surgeon in Hamilton, attended my medical practice and lectures in the Royal Infirmary here, in the years 1832-3 and 1833-4; that I have reason to entertain a most favourable opinion of his talents, habits, and professional attainments; and that I have no doubt, that if he should be successful in his application as a Candidate for the Superintendence of the Montrose Asylum, Infirmary, and Dispensary, he will acquit himself to the entire satisfaction of the Directors.

J. BALMANNO, M.D.

From JOHN BURNS, ESQ. M.D., Professor of Surgery, University of Glasgow, and late Physician to the Royal Infirmary, &c.

GLASGOW, 27th April, 1838.

MR. ALEXANDER KING attended my lectures on Surgery in the University, during the Session 1831-2. He was examined in the Class, and acquitted himself well. For the last four years he has been resident in Hamilton, I understand with reputation.

J. BURNS.

From ROBERT HUNTER, ESQ. M.D., Professor of Anatomy, &c. Andersonian University, to the Directors of the Montrose Lunatic Asylum.

GLASGOW, 20th April, 1838.

GENTLEMEN,—In addressing you at present, I am actuated solely by the desire of benefiting your excellent Institution, by recommending to your notice, MR. ALEXANDER KING, as a person eminently qualified to act as your Superintendent.

MR. KING is not only thoroughly conversant in the principles and practice of his profession generally, but has in an especial manner, directed his attention to the nature and treatment of Insanity, and upon the principles followed up so successfully by your late Superintendent, Dr. Browne.

MR. KING is peculiarly adapted for such a situation. He is active and energetic, and, at the same time, kindly disposed, and imbued with a devotion to his profession which cannot fail to prove highly useful to the Institution. The Managers will have much reason to congratulate themselves, should they be so fortunate as to secure the services of MR. KING.

I have the honour to be, with great respect,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

ROBERT HUNTER, M.D.

From the same Gentleman to Mr. King.

MY DEAR SIR,—As you have now finished your preliminary medical studies, and are about to enter on the practice of your profession, I feel it incumbent on me to make the following short statement on your behalf.

You have not only received a liberal medical education, such as would qualify you for standing your examination before any of the licensing medical boards in the kingdom; but you have fortunately been placed in situations in which you have obtained more practical knowledge—that kind of knowledge which is indispensable to the successful practice of your profession—than the majority of your fellow Students.

You acted as my Assistant for about two years, and performed the duties of your situation with zeal and great ability.

You were distinguished among your fellow-students for propriety of conduct, unwearied industry in the prosecution of your studies, and superior talent.

As a competitor for public honours, you were remarkably successful, and the prizes you obtained were usually of the highest kind.

You are deserving of public patronage, and I augur favourably of your success.

I am, my Dear Sir, yours most faithfully,

ROBERT HUNTER.

From HARRY RAINY, Esq. M.D., *Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, University of Glasgow, &c.*

University of Glasgow, 23d April, 1838.

I certify that MR. ALEXANDER KING regularly attended the lectures on the Institutes of Medicine in this University, during the Session 1833-4 ; that he gave proofs of great diligence and eminent talents at the weekly examinations ; and that a Prize was adjudged to him by the votes of his fellow-students.

HARRY RAINY, M.D.

From JAMES LAWRIE, Esq. M.D., *Professor of Surgery, Andersonian University, Senior Surgeon Glasgow Royal Infirmary. &c.*

48, West Nile-Street, Glasgow, 26th April, 1838.

I have much pleasure in giving my testimony in favour of MR. ALEXANDER KING's character and merit as a Surgeon. MR. KING attended my Lectures on Surgery in the Andersonian University, during the Sessions 1832-3 and 1833-4, and for twelve months acted as my Assistant and Dissector. I had thus ample opportunity of forming an opinion of him, and am very happy to say, that it was exceedingly favourable. He was regular in his attendance at the hour of Lecture, and at the weekly examinations ; and in his appearances at the latter, acquitted himself so well, as to obtain, by the votes of his fellow-students, the prize in the senior division of the class, in the session 1832-3. He performed the office of Assistant with much ability, and made several preparations, which still bear testimony to his diligence and accurate knowledge of Anatomy. His conduct was on all occasions correct, his manners agreeable, and his temper good.

I have no hesitation in saying, that I consider MR. KING well qualified to fill a public medical situation ; and his success in obtaining such will give me great pleasure.

JA. LAWRIE, M.D.

From ALEX. HANNAY, Esq. M.D., *Professor of the Theory and Practice of Physic, Andersonian University, and Physician to the Lock Hospital, &c.*

Anderson's University, 20th April, 1838.

I have much pleasure in making known the diligence, zeal,

and assiduity with which MR. KING, Surgeon at Hamilton, pursued his studies at this Institution, and the highly creditable attainment he made. Originally of excellent natural abilities, and enjoying a good elementary education, he entered on his professional studies with great advantages; and by assiduous attention, has acquired much proficiency and tact in practice. He has had considerable experience since quitting the schools, and thereby obtained that knowledge which peculiarly qualifies for the active duties of his profession, and renders him worthy of confidence. I believe him highly fitted for the duties of the office for which he is a Candidate.

ALEX. HANNAY, M.D

From W. B. WHARRIE, M.D. Hamilton.

Hamilton, 18th November, 1841.

HAVING been informed that MR. ALEXANDER KING, Surgeon, North Hanover Street, is a Candidate for being appointed to take the Medical charge of one of the Districts of the City Poor, it affords me much pleasure to have this opportunity of giving my testimony in his favour. From his talents and professional acquirements, I can most concientiously recommend him, as being well qualified to fill the situation for which he is an applicant. Before he removed to Glasgow, as successor to Dr. Hunter's practice, he was for several years resident in this town, where he practised Medicine in all its branches with much respectability; and during that time he performed amputations, and other operations, very successfully. I have attended patients along with him, and consider him skilful and well informed in his profession. I have likewise had frequent opportunities of making legal *post mortem* inspections along with him, in consequence of his being appointed by the Sheriff to perform that duty with me, and from what occurred on these occasions, I was strongly impressed with the conviction of his intimate knowledge of Anatomy.

W. B. WHARRIE, M.D.

From ROBERT WHITEHEAD, ESQ. M. D. Hamilton.

Hamilton, 26th April, 1838.

I hereby certify, that I have known MR. ALEXANDER KING, Surgeon in Hamilton, as a medical practitioner there, for upwards of three years and a half; and during that period, he has conducted

himself in an exemplary manner, and has obtained considerable reputation for his skill and attention, and also for his dexterity as a surgical operator.

Previous to his commencing to practise, I was well acquainted with Mr. King, and I know that he received a most liberal medical education; and I am confident that he is in every way well qualified to fill such a situation as that which he is now a Candidate for at Montrose.

ROBERT WHITEHEAD, M. D.

From CHARLES FREEBAIRN, ESQ. M. D. *Hamilton.*

Hamilton, April 26th, 1838.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in certifying, that I have been intimately acquainted with MR. ALEXANDER KING for several years, and I have always considered him a man of intelligence and ability, likewise a skilful practitioner.

On more than one occasion, I have seen him operate, and at these times, I was strongly impressed with the conviction of his dexterity, and his intimate knowledge of Anatomy. I have uniformly found Mr. King of an obliging disposition, and doubt not that he will give satisfaction to those who will henceforth patronise him.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES FREEBAIRN, M. D.

To the Managers of the Montrose Lunatic Asylum, &c.

From JAMES ANDERSON, ESQ. *Surgeon, Bothwell.*

Bothwell, 23rd April, 1838.

I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. ALEXANDER KING, since he commenced practice as a Surgeon in Hamilton about four years ago. During that period, he has had an extensive practice in all the branches of his profession, particularly in Operative Surgery, in which department he stands unrivalled in this neighbourhood. I have often had occasion to become acquainted with his professional acquirements, and feel pleasure in giving this testimony in approbation of his abilities, skill, and indefatigable attention as a Surgeon. Although considerably my junior, I have,

in several instances, gladly availed myself of his assistance in difficult and dangerous cases; his character is firm and decided, and he is beloved and respected by all who know him.

I can confidently recommend Mr. King as in every respect qualified to discharge the various duties of his profession, with honour to himself, and benefit to his patients.

JAMES ANDERSON.

From the REV. JOHN RUSSELL, L.L.D. Minister of Dalserf.

Dalserf Manse, 25th April, 1838.

MR. ALEXANDER KING has been known to me from his childhood. After finishing his education and taking his diploma, he settled as a Medical Practitioner in Hamilton; in which Town and neighbourhood (this Parish included) he has for some years followed his profession with much credit and success. He is a young man of talent and information, of high professional attainments, and distinguished by kindly dispositions and obliging manners. I have much pleasure in adding, that his conduct and general behaviour have been always correct and exemplary.

Mr. King enjoys the good opinion of all who know him. If he should change the sphere of his labours, he will be found in all respects, I am convinced, an acquisition to the place where he may settle.

JOHN RUSSELL, LL. D.

From the REV. PETER HAY KEITH, Minister of the First Charge, Hamilton.

Hamilton, 23d April, 1838.

It gives me pleasure to certify that MR. ALEXANDER KING, Surgeon, who has for some time practised in this Town with great respectability, is a member of the Established Church, and sustains a character suitable to his Christian profession.

P. H. KEITH.

*From THOMAS ANDERSON, ESQ. Commercial Bank of
Scotland, Hamilton.*

Hamilton, 19th April, 1841.

MY DEAR SIR,—Understanding you are a Candidate for the situation of Medical Superintendent to the Montrose Royal Lunatic Asylum, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the ability and zeal with which you have discharged the duties of a Medical Practitioner in this place for the last four years, to your active business habits, to your obliging disposition, and to your correct deportment as a gentleman.

Wishing you every success,

I am,

Very truly yours,

T. ANDERSON.

From JOHN LESLIE, ESQ. Depute Sheriff-Clerk, Hamilton.

Sheriff-Clerk's Office,

Hamilton, 23d April, 1838.

MY DEAR SIR,—As I understand you are a Candidate for a professional situation in Montrose, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to your respectability and reputation as a Medical Practitioner for several years here. Your professional attainments have always ranked high in our community, and, as a gentleman, I have uniformly found you honourable and correct in principle.

It will give me much pleasure, indeed, to hear of your success, as it will do, I am sure, to all those who have the honour of your acquaintance.

I always am,

My dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

JOHN LESLIE.

*From the PROVOST, MAGISTRATES, and TOWN COUNCIL of
Hamilton.*

Hamilton, 23d April, 1838.

WE, the Provost, Bailies, and Councillors of the Burgh of Hamilton, understanding that MR. ALEXANDER KING, Surgeon here, is a Candidate for the office of Medical Superintendent of the Montrose Lunatic Asylum, Infirmary, and Dispensary, have pleasure in bearing testimony to his character and abilities.

Mr. King is married, and has practised as a Surgeon in Hamilton for a period of upwards of three and a half years, during which time he has acquired a high reputation for the assiduity and unwearied attention he bestows on the duties of his profession, and the ability with which he exercises his important calling, especially for the skill and success with which he has performed the more important Surgical Operations, such as amputations, &c. On the whole, we are satisfied that he is well qualified to discharge the duties of the situation to which he aspires, with advantage to the Institution and to the Public.

WILL. HAMILTON, Provost.
 ROB. HENDERSON, Magistrate.
 JAMES BRYSON, do.
 JAMES NAISMITH, do.
 WALTER BLACK, Treasurer.
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 JAMES HAMILTON, do.
 J. ANDERSON, do.
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